



#### State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

February 22, 2018

System No. 4300851

Mr. Gary Tognetti, Agent for Owner Garlic World P.O. Box 1429 Gilroy, CA 95021

CITATION NO. 02\_17\_18C\_007

NITRATE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION FOR 2017

FOR NON-COMPLIANCE: 2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the public water system known as Garlic World.

Any person who is aggrieved by a citation issued by the deputy director of the Division of Drinking Water may file a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for reconsideration of the citation. Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the citation. The date of issuance is the date when the Division of Drinking Water mails or serves a copy of citation, whichever occurs first. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at: <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml</a>

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (510) 620-3453.

Sincerely,

Eric Lacy, P.E.

District Engineer, Santa Clara District

Division of Drinking Water

State Water Resources Control Board

**Enclosures** 

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Cc: Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department

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# STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Name of Public Water System: Garlic World

Water System No: 4300851

Attention: Mr. Gary Tognetti, Agent for Owner

P.O. Box 1429

Gilroy, CA 95021

**Issued**: Feb

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# CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE NITRATE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64432.1(a)

## VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE DIVISION 104, PART 12, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 116530 FAILURE TO SUBMIT 2016 ANNNUAL REPORT

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "State Board") to issue a citation to a public water system when the State Board determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC,

Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division, hereby issues this citation pursuant to Section 116650 of the CHSC to Garlic World (hereinafter "System") for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1), California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"), Title 22, Section 64432.1(a) and Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, Article 7, Section 116530.

A copy of the applicable statutes and regulations are included in Appendix 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The System is classified as a transient non-community water system that provides domestic water from one groundwater well, Well 01, to one service connection with approximately 3 employees and regularly more than 25 people per day. CCR, Title 22, Section 64432.1(a) states that all public water systems using groundwater shall monitor for nitrate annually. The System did not submit a nitrate analytical test result via electronica submittal during 2017.

The System must submit a technical report to the State Water Board annually specifying contact and operational information for the prior calendar year. On March 17, 2017, the State Water Board sent an email notification to the System that the 2016 Annual Report was due to be submitted by April 30, 2017. As of the date of this Citation, the State Water Board has not received the complete report from Garlic World.



#### **DETERMINATION**

The Division has determined that the Garlic World water system failed to comply with CCR, Title 22, Section 64432.1(a). Specifically, the System failed to collect a nitrate sample from their groundwater source, Well 01 and have the sample analyzed and submitted electronically by a certified laboratory to the Division in 2017. The Division has determined that Garlic World water system has not submitted the 2016 Annual Report and is still in violation.

#### **DIRECTIVES**

The System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 1. Forthwith, the System shall cease and desist from failing to comply with the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64432.1(a).
- 2. Forthwith, the System shall cease and desist from failing to comply with the California Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, Article 7, Section 116530.
- 3. The System shall complete the 2017 monitoring by collecting the nitrate monitoring for Well 01 as soon as possible. The sample shall be submitted to and analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). The result shall be submitted to the Division via Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) by April 10, 2018. The 2018 Nitrate monitoring will still be due before the end of 2018.



COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) OSP 05 90192 4. Conduct public notification (Appendix 2) for the nitrate monitoring and reporting violation by March 23, 2018 in conformance with Section 64463.4, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR. Notification shall be completed in accordance with the following:

a. Direct delivery to each employee and posting in a conspicuous location in the building serving the public. The notice shall remain posted for a minimum of seven calendar days.

Proof of notification must be provided to the Division. This can be met by submitting a completed Compliance Certification Form form (Appendix 3) and a copy of the notice issued within 14 days of completing the notification. The notice must be approved by the Division prior to distribution.

- 5. Prepare a written Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that describes the specific actions that will be taken to ensure that future nitrate monitoring and reporting violations will not occur. This plan shall include a strategy to ensure that all monitoring is completed as required and on time and the name of the person(s) responsible for collecting samples. A back-up person must be identified, trained, and available to collect the required samples in the event designated sampler is unavailable. Submit the CAP to the Division by March 31, 2018.
- 6. Complete and submit this year's 2017 Annual Report by June 1, 2018 to the State Water Board at http://drinc.ca.gov.

All submittals required by this Citation shall be electronically submitted to the Division at the following address. The subject line for all electronic submittals

COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-96) OSP 05 90192 corresponding to this citation shall include the following information: <u>Water</u> System name and number, citation number and title of the document being submitted.

Mr. Eric Lacy, P.E.
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State Water Resources Control Board
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The State Board reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

#### **PARTIES BOUND**

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

#### SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

#### **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

The California SDWA authorizes the State Board to: issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the State Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Board. The State Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

Mr. Eric Lacy, P.E.

District Engineer, Santa Clara District

Division of Drinking Water

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Appendices (3):

- 1. Applicable Statutes and Regulations
- 2. Public Notification Template
- 3. Compliance Certification Form

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### APPENDIX 1. APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITATION NO. 02\_17\_18C\_007

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#### California Health and Safety Code (CHSC):

#### Section 116271 states in relevant part:

- (a) The State Water Resources Control Board succeeds to and is vested with all of the authority, duties, powers, purposes, functions, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Health, its predecessors, and its director for purposes of all of the following:
  - (1) The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act (Article 3 (commencing with Section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101).
  - (2) Article 3 (commencing with Section 106875) of Chapter 4 of Part 1.
  - (3) Article 1 (commencing with Section 115825) of Chapter 5 of Part 10.
  - (4) This chapter and the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997 (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 116760)).
  - (5) Article 2 (commencing with Section 116800), Article 3 (commencing with Section 116825), and Article 4 (commencing with Section 116875) of Chapter 5.
  - (6) Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 116975).
  - (7) The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Division 43 (commencing with Section 75001) of the Public Resources Code).
  - (8) The Water Recycling Law (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 13500) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
  - (9) Chapter 7.3 (commencing with Section 13560) of Division 7 of the Water Code.
  - (10) The California Safe Drinking Water Bond Law of 1976 (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 13850) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
  - (11) Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act (Division 20.5 (commencing with Section 73500) of the Water Code).
  - (12) Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Division 26.5 (commencing with Section 79500) of the Water Code).
- (b) The State Water Resources Control Board shall maintain a drinking water program and carry out the duties, responsibilities, and functions described in this section. Statutory reference to "department," "state department," or "director" regarding a function transferred to the State Water Resources Control Board shall refer to the State Water Resources Control Board. This section does not impair the authority of a local health officer to enforce this chapter or a county's election not to enforce this chapter, as provided in Section 116500...
- (k) (1) The State Water Resources Control Board shall appoint a deputy director who reports to the executive director to oversee the issuance and enforcement of public water system permits and other duties as appropriate. The deputy director shall have public health expertise.
  - (2) The deputy director is delegated the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to provide notice, approve notice content, approve emergency notification plans, and take other action pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450), to issue, renew, reissue, revise, amend, or deny any public water system permits pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525), to suspend or revoke any public water system permit pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625), and to issue citations, assess penalties, or issue orders pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650). Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450) or Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525) are deemed decisions and actions taken, but are not subject to reconsideration, by the State Water Resources Control Board. Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116650) are deemed decisions and actions taken by the State Water Resources Control Board, but any aggrieved person may petition the State Water Resources Control Board for reconsideration of the decision or action. This subdivision is not a limitation on the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to delegate any other powers and duties.

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- (a) Any person who owns a public water system shall ensure that the system does all of the following:
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#### Section 116650 states in relevant part:

- (a) If the state board determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the state board may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.
- (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.
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- (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).
- (e) The state board may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation and shall be in addition to any liability or penalty imposed under any other law.

#### California Code of Regulations, Title 22 (CCR):

#### §64432. Monitoring and Compliance--Inorganic Chemicals.

- (c) Unless more frequent monitoring is required pursuant to this Chapter, the frequency of monitoring for the inorganic chemicals listed in table 64431-A, except for asbestos, nitrate/nitrite, and perchlorate, shall be as follows:
  - (1) All community and nontransient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor annually.

#### §64432.1. Monitoring and Compliance--Nitrate and Nitrite.

- (a) To determine compliance with the MCL for nitrate in Table 64431-A, all public water systems using groundwater and transient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor annually, and all community and nontransient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor quarterly.
  - (3) For public water systems using approved surface water, the repeat monitoring frequency shall be quarterly following any one sample in which the concentration is greater than or equal to 50 percent of the MCL. After four consecutive quarterly samples are less than 50 percent of the MCL, a system may request that the State Board reduce monitoring frequency to annual sampling. A system using approved surface water shall return to quarterly monitoring if any one sample is greater than or equal to 50 percent of the MCL.

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#### Section 116275 states in relevant part:

(b) "Department" means the state board.

- (ab) "State board" means the State Water Resources Control Board.
- (ac) "Deputy director" means the deputy director appointed by the state board pursuant to subdivision (k) of Section 116271.

#### Section 116530 states:

A public water system shall submit a technical report to the department as part of the permit application or when otherwise required by the department. This report may include, but not be limited to, detailed plans and specifications, water quality information, and physical descriptions of the existing or proposed system, and financial assurance information.

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#### Section 116701 (Petitions to Orders and Decisions) states:

- (a) Within 30 days of issuance of an order or decision issued by the deputy director under Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650), an aggrieved person may petition the state board for reconsideration. Where the order or decision of the deputy director is issued after a hearing under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, this section shall apply instead of Section 11521 of the Government Code.
- (b) The petition shall include the name and address of the petitioner, a copy of the order or decision for which the petitioner seeks reconsideration, identification of the reason the petitioner alleges the Issuance of the order was inappropriate or improper, the specific action the petitioner requests, and other information as the state board may prescribe. The petition shall be accompanied by a statement of points and authorities of the legal issues raised by the petition.
- (c) The evidence before the state board shall consist of the record before the deputy director and any other relevant evidence that, in the judgment of the state board, should be considered to implement the policies of this chapter. The state board may, in its discretion, hold a hearing for receipt of additional evidence.
- (d) The state board may refuse to reconsider the order or decision if the petition fails to raise substantial issues that are appropriate for review, may deny the petition upon a determination that the issuance of the order or decision was appropriate and proper, may set aside or modify the order or decision, or take other appropriate action. The state board's action pursuant to this subdivision shall constitute the state board's completion of its reconsideration.
- (e) The state board, upon notice and hearing, if a hearing is held, may stay in whole or in part the effect of the order or decision of the deputy director.
- (f) If an order of the deputy director is subject to reconsideration under this section, the filing of a petition for reconsideration is an administrative remedy that must be exhausted before filing a petition for writ of mandate under Section 116625 or 116700.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Garlic World

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during the past year and, therefore, was in violation of the regulations. Even though this failure was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During [compliance period dates], we ['did not monitor or test' or 'did not complete all monitoring or testing'] for [contaminant(s)] and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When All Samples Should Have Been Taken	When Samples Were or Will Be Taken
	[number] sample every [number][time interval]			
				<u> </u>

• If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What happened? What is being done?

[Describe corrective action].

For more information, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address].

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

#### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by [system].						
State Water System ID#:	Date distributed: _					

#### **APPENDIX 3. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

#### Citation Number 02\_17\_18C\_007 Garlic World System Number: 4300851

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by the Garlic World, of the failure to comply with the source monitoring requirements during the 2017 compliance period.

I complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

Required Action		Date Completed	
1. Public not	ification		
a.	Mail and/or direct delivery		
b.	Posting in conspicuous places		
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Signature of	Water System Representative	Date	

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. A COPY OF THE DELIVERED OR MAILED NOTICE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

**Disclosure:** Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached citation may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.